



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

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Submission for OMB Review; Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2022 (Baby FACES 2022)

AGENCY: Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, HHS.

ACTION: Request for Public Comment.

SUMMARY: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) seeks approval to continue to collect descriptive information for the Early Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey 2022 (Baby FACES 2022). This information collection is to provide nationally representative data on Early Head Start (EHS) programs, centers, classrooms, staff, and families to guide program planning, technical assistance, and research. This data collection will complete the previously approved second round of data collection originally planned to take place in 2020 (OMB 0970-0354). The work began in early 2020 but had to be postponed after only 3 weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic. No changes are proposed to the currently approved information collection materials.

DATES: *Comments due within 30 days of publication.* OMB must make a decision about the collection of information

between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the *Federal Register*. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review - Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Description: Baby FACES 2018 and 2022 build upon a prior study (Baby FACES 2009; OMB 0970-0354) that longitudinally followed two cohorts of children through their experience in the program. While the 2009 study provided a great deal of information about program participation over time and about services received by children and families, it did not allow for national level estimates of service quality or inferences about children who enter the program after 15 months of age. To fill these knowledge gaps and to answer additional questions about how programs function, the design for the information collection in 2022 will refresh the nationally representative cross-sectional sample of programs, centers, home visitors, teachers, classrooms, children, and families that was used in Baby FACES 2018.

Freshening the sample will allow new programs that came into being since 2018 a chance to enter the study. This design allows for nationally representative estimates at all levels at a point in time and includes the entire age span of enrolled children.

The goal of this work is to obtain updated information on EHS programs and understand better how program processes support relationships (e.g., between home visitors and parents, between parents and children, and between teachers and children) that are hypothesized to lead to improved child and family outcomes.

Respondents: EHS program directors, child care center directors, teachers and home visitors, and parents of enrolled children.

Annual Burden Estimates

| Instrument | No. of Respondents (total over request period) | No. of Responses per Respondent (total over request period) | Avg. Burden per Response (in hours) | Total Burden (in hours) | Annual Burden (in hours) |
|--|---|--|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Classroom/ home visitor sampling form (from EHS staff) | 407 | 1 | 0.17 | 69 | 35 |
| Child roster form (from EHS staff) | 252 | 1 | 0.33 | 83 | 42 |
| Parent consent form | 2,495 | 1 | 0.17 | 424 | 212 |
| Parent survey | 2,084 | 1 | 0.53 | 1105 | 553 |
| Parent Child Report | 2,008 | 1 | 0.33 | 663 | 332 |
| Staff survey (Teacher survey and Home Visitor survey) | 1,317 | 1 | 0.5 | 659 | 330 |
| Staff Child Report | 1,046 | 2.13 | 0.25 | 557 | 279 |
| Program director survey | 120 | 1 | 0.5 | 60 | 30 |
| Center director survey | 294 | 1 | 0.5 | 147 | 74 |
| Parent-child interaction | 996 | 1 | 0.17 | 169 | 85 |

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,972

Note: In the Federal Register Notice providing a 60-day comment period on this information collection (86 FR 38490), while number of respondents, number of responses per respondent, and estimated response time were provided correctly for the Staff Child Report, there was a calculation error for total and annual estimated burden. The burden estimates in this current notice reflect accurate calculations.

Authority: Sec. 645A and 649 of the Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007.

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